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To Whom It May Concern:

The examiner of record (Derek Boles) is retracting the entry of the 312 amendment filed on 11/20/07.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 10, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --1, wherein the transverse distribution of the ratio of actual exit temperature to desired exit temperature is controlled within a desired transverse ratio distribution, and--. In claim 11, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --10--. In claim 12, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --1, wherein the transverse distribution of the ratio of actual exit temperature to desired exit temperature is controlled within a desired transverse ratio distribution, and--. In claim 13, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --1, wherein the transverse distribution of the ratio of actual exit temperature to desired exit temperature is controlled within a desired transverse ratio distribution, and--. Cancel claim 18. In claim 19, on line 1, delete "18" and insert in its place --232--. In claim 22, on line 1, delete "28" and insert in its place --21--. In claim 23, on line 1, delete "28" and insert in its place --21--. In claim 73, on line 1, delete "diluent recovery" and insert in its place --energy-conversion-- and on line 2 after "1" insert --wherein the diluent recovery system is--. In claim 74, on line 1, delete

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“72” and insert in its place --1 including a diluent recovery system in fluid

communication with the outlet of the expander and--.

Add new claim 232 --The energy-conversion system according to claim 80 further configured to deliver a portion of the heated diluent-containing fluid from the second heat exchanger into the oxidant-containing fluid being compressed.--

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derek S. Boles at (571) 272-4872 or supervisory patent examiner Steve McAllister at (571) 272-6785.

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